PROPERLY CLAD COMMUNICANTS.

Mt.22:11 And when the king came to see the guests, he saw a man there who had not on a wedding garment."

INTRO. Luke's setting in the house of Simon the Leper.
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The invited guests who would not come.
Jealousy of Simon Pharisee The embarrassment of scribes and pharisees.
The bright crack-"Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of heaven."
Parable of the great feast, setting forth against those who make light of the kingdom of G.
The invited guests who made excuses
The wedding guest not properly clad.
Who have gathered together as guests at the Lord's Table. What does our host expect us to wear? His will has been made plain to us.

I. Clad in white robe. "Let thy garments be always white." Not talking about outward dress, but inward, spiritual attire.
White stands for purity, stainlessness. Only one thing that can soil the soul- sin.
Selfishness is sin.
Disregard for others, including God.
Jealousies and envyings
Severe judgments of others in the face of self-indulgence and leniency.
The white snow that Sunday morning. Soon the tracks of autos and passers-by soiled the
The stain of snow, making it into muddy slush. Sin soils
corrosive acid. the pure white soul of a person until it loses its beauty and usefulness. It becomes unfit for communion with God and true fellowship with man.

II. Desrt in modest attire."Clothed in humility"
The pride of pharisees, boasted of their superior righteousness. "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men." Paraded theor religious goodness.
John. "When I saw him I fell [illegible] at his feet as one dea
Peter, when he saw great catch of fish, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
We must set aside our sophisitications, and come in a childlike trust. "Expcet ye become as little children, ye shall not enter."

III. Not only clad in white, modestly, but gracefully attired. Full of grace.

"Put on the garment of praise." Gratefulness makes gracefulness. The unthankful heart is ungracious. When we gather at the Lord's table we must come appreciative of all the goodness of God and of the fellowship we have together as Xn believers. The critical mind and the complaining heart can receive no blessing at the Lor's Table.

Conclusion. If ~~any~~ we feel this a.m. that our garments are not white, not unstained by sin, our gracious Host can cleanse us from all sin. He can make our sin-stained character and conduct white as snow. "Repent ye, and be ye made clean."

Let us set aside our self-assertions and our boastings and come in all modesty and humility before the Lord. Just with a simple childlike trust and a sincere heart-love for Jesus our Host at His Table.

And let us praise God. Let us be thankful with a genuine hearty response to all the goodness of God that is expressed to us at this Lord's Table.